

## Message Text

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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAGR, EPA, UR, US  
SUBJECT: AP ARTICLE ON CURRENT SOVIET CROP AND WESTERN ESTIMATING  
PRACTICES

1. AP CORRESPONDENT HAS APPROACHED AGATT SECOND TIME  
EXPRESSING INTEREST IN WRITING 1 TO 2 COLUMN ARTICLE  
ON CURRENT USSR CROP SITUATION, WHICH ALSO COVERS USDA/W  
AND MOSCOW CROP ESTIMATING METHODS INCLUDING  
ACTIVITIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. REPORTER KNOWS RULES OF MOSCOW PRESS GAME AND WILL  
NOT GIVE IDENTIFICATION BEYOND "WESTERN SOURCES", ETC.  
HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES IMPORTANCE OF USSR CROP PROJECTIONS  
TO US AND WEST, AND INDICATES WILLINGNESS TO CLEAR TEXT  
OF ARTICLE WITH AGATT OFFICE.

3. DUE PAST SENSITIVITY OF SOVIETS TO WESTERN, PARTICULARLY  
US, AGRICULTURAL ESTIMATING IN THEIR COUNTRY,  
AGATT DOES NOT WANT TO GRANT BROAD RANGING INTERVIEW  
INCLUDING COVERAGE OF WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW  
METHODOLOGIES UNLESS USDA AND OTHER US OFFICIALS  
DESIRE. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON THIS MATTER.

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4. FYI, OVERALL AGATT OFFICE PRESS RELATIONSHIPS  
ARE GOOD, AND AP WILL PROBABLY BE SATISFIED WITH  
SIMPLER STORY ON CURRENT CROP CONDITIONS, INCLUDING  
FEW COMMENTS ABOUT USDA TASK FORCE OPERATIONS.  
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